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THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK.

DINGO!

THIS IS YOUR LAST HUNT EVER, MATE!

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT, KABOOMERANG! WILL THAT BE BEFORE OR *AFTER* YOU'RE DEVOURED BY MY CANINE MINIONS?!

DINGO, MATE-- *PLEASE.* THESE ARE JUST DOGS. YOU THINK THROWING EXPLODING BOOMERANGS IS ALL I DO?

I COULD DANCE WITH THESE LOVELIES ALL DAY AND THEY'D NEVER EVEN GET SO MUCH AS A NIBBLE OFF MY BUM.

NOT THAT I'M WILLING TO WASTE TOO MUCH TIME AT IT.

WRAMM!!

NOW--

KA-BOOM!!

KA-BOOM!

YOU WALK AROUND LIKE A MAN--WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO *FIGHT* LIKE ONE!

DO NOT INSULT ME BY COMPARING ME TO YOUR KIND! I AM NO MAN--NOR DO I *WISH* TO BE!

YOU'LL--

KRAK!

OH, STUFF IT!

BLOODY TAKING TOO LONG, THIS IS.

Ka-BOOM!

Ka-BOOM!

Ka-BOOM!

HAH! YOU MIS--

KRAOOM!

HAH, YOURSELF, MATE!

KRAAK!

MY--MY PEOPLE... HAVE THEY COME FOR ME?!

I--EH? WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU LOOKING AT, YOU WA--

OY! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU BASTARDS AND ALL, BUT I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T GETTING HERE UNTIL *TOMORROW!*

KRAK!

MMPH!

WE WERE IN THE GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD, THOUGHT WE'D SWING BY. SEA MONSTER OFF THE COAST OF NEW ZEALAND.

IT WAS NEAT! I SAW A *SHEEP!*

SO, YEAH, I'VE BEEN AT IT A FEW YEARS, PRETTY MUCH SEEN IT ALL. FOUGHT POACHERS IN THE BUSH, CRIME SYNDICATES IN THE BIG CITIES...

...EVEN A HANDFUL OF FOREIGN IDIOTS WHO THOUGHT THE WORST THING THEY COULD DO IS BLOW UP THE BLOODY OPERA HOUSE.

DO YOU THINK YOU WILL HAVE A HARD TIME ADJUSTING TO HAVING TO LIVE RIGHT SIDE UP?

ER, NO, MATE-- I DON'T.

HOW CAN YOU EAT THAT STUFF? IT SMELLS LIKE DIRT HAD A BABY IN THERE.

I DUNNO. IT REMINDS ME OF HOME.

ERM, NO OFFENSE, MATE.

UH, NONE COMPREHENDED.

SO WHAT IS IT THAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO JOIN UP WITH OUR OUTFIT?

WELL, MATE, I DON'T WANT TO BIG-NOTE MYSELF, BUT I'VE DONE ALL AN AUSSIE SUPER CAN. I'LL NEVER GET ANYWHERE JUST BUSTING HEADS OUT IN THE BLOODY SAND, YOU GET ME?

I THOUGHT THE BEST WAY TO MAKE A NAME FOR MYSELF, AND MAYBE MAKE A BUCK, YOU KNOW, WAS TO GO O.S. AND JOIN UP WITH YOU SEPPOS.

OY, I WANT TO THANK YOU BLOKES FOR INVITING ME TO THIS HERE SAUSAGE PARTY... BUT, MATE, WHERE ARE ALL THE BLOODY *CHICKS?*

TRUST ME, WE'RE WORKING ON IT.

AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION IN UTAH.

THE SECRET MOUNTAIN BASE OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE.

CECIL! HEY, BUDDY. WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF AN ALLY IN NEED.

TEAM, THIS IS LETHAN, THE CURRENT AQUARUS, MONARCH OF ATLANTIS-- AND, EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW IT, HONORARY MEMBER OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE.

AQUARUS IS THE UNDISPUTED RULER OF ALL THE WORLD'S OCEANS. THAT MEANS HIS EMPIRE COVERS SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS MEANS HIS BORDERS ARE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE TO INVASION.

AND? IT ALSO MEANS THEY HAVE A HUGE ARMY AND SUPER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. WHY DO THEY NEED OUR *HELP?*

YES, WELL, SUFFICE IT TO SAY, LETHAN HERE IS NOT EXACTLY GENERAL PATTON.

NOW, HOLD ON A MINUTE. I FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE LAST AQUARUS FOR YEARS, AND I LEARNED A FEW THINGS ABOUT ATLANTIS.

THE GOVERNMENT THERE IS A MERITOCRACY BASED ON STRENGTH AND COURAGE. IN ORDER TO BECOME THE NEW AQUARUS, YOU NOT ONLY HAVE TO *KILL* THE LAST AQUARUS, YOU ALSO HAVE TO DEFEAT A HUGE-ASS MONSTER IN SINGLE COMBAT.

NOW, I KNOW OMNI-MAN TOOK CARE OF THE KILLING THE LAST KING PART, BUT HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE THIS MILQUETOAST DID ALL THAT OTHER STUFF?

WELL, YOUR FRIEND INVINCIBLE *DID* HELP A LITTLE.*

THAT'S PUTTING IT MILDLY. EXCUSE US FOR JUST ONE SECOND, YOUR MAJESTY.

*SEE INVINCIBLE ISSUE 15, COLLECTED IN INVINCIBLE VOL. 4 FOR DETAILS.

LOOK, I KNOW NOBODY IS SUPER-IMPRESSED BY THIS LITTLE WEASEL, BUT THE FACT IS, HE RULES A HUGE EMPIRE FULL OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY THAT CAN BE AND HAS BEEN VERY BENEFICIAL TO US.

AND IF A SINGLE PERSON HAS TO BE IN CHARGE OF ALL THAT, I'D RATHER IT BE SOMEONE I CAN CONTROL, YOU FOLLOW ME? IF KEEPING HIM ON OUR SIDE MEANS HELPING HIM FIGHT OFF ONE LITTLE INVASION, SO BE IT.

BESIDES, LOOK AT THIS GUY! HOW BAD CAN THE THREAT BE? PUT ME ON RECORD, THIS ONE'S NOT GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN AN HOUR.

I SUPPOSE IT'S NOT A BAD IDEA TO TEST OUT THE NEW RECRUITS ON AN EASY ONE.

THAT'S THE IDEA...

LATER, IN THE DRY DOCK OF THE CAPITAL CITY OF ATLANTIS.

EACH OF YOU WILL NEED THESE CMG UNITS-- COMPACT MECHANICAL GILLS--IN ORDER TO BREATHE WHEN YOU EXIT INTO THE CITY PROPER.

NO, THANKS. I'M GOOD.

HAND UP THE AIR, USURPERS!

YOUR DEFEAT AM NEXT AT THE TENDRILS ON OCTOBOSS!

NOT OFF TO A GREAT START!

KRAKOOM!

OCTOBOSS! REX TOLD ME ABOUT THIS GUY.

YEAH? WHAT DID HE SAY ABOUT HIM?

HE SAID HE'S SUPER GROSS AND HE TALKS LIKE AN IDIOT.

ACK! THAT'S REAL HELPFUL. WHAT DO YOU THINK HE WANTS?

ME AM TELL YOU WHAT WANTING!

AM DRIVEN EXILE OUT CEPHALON HOME PLANET. TOO BIG, TOO MEANEST AT THAT PEOPLE. LOTS OF SQUIDMEN PUT I ON SPACE BOAT, US LEAVE OF PLANET, OCTOBOSS INSIDE CHAINS.

BUT OCTOBOSS AM CRUSH THE BONDAGES! TAKES CHARGE IN A SPACE BOAT! NOW SQUIDMEN WORKS AT *ME!*

OCTOBOSS WANTS WHAT?

WANTS OCTOBOSS HOME! FISHY MANS HAS MACHINES FOR SEND OCTOBOSS TO HOME. AM TAKE MACHINE, AM GO TO HOME, AM SHOW PEOPLE OCTOBOSS *AM* TOO MEANEST! TOO MEANEST BY FAR!

ATLANTIS ARE STAGING GROUND AT *ULTIMATE* REVENGE!

DUDE, YOU'RE TOTALLY IGNORING US!

KRA-DOOM!

SORRY, BRIT. NORMALLY I PUNCH HARDER, BUT ALL THIS WATER IS MAKING MY HAIR VERY HEAVY.

HEY, *UH*, DON'T SWEAT IT. *NICE* ONE.

BLZAT!

NO! DON'T KILL ME YET!

WHY SO SCARED, YOUR MAJESTY? DON'T YOU KNOW I'M BULLETPROOF?

B--BUT THESE ARE LASER GUNS!

HEY, NEW GUY! YOU NEED A HAND? I KNOW THE OCEAN FLOOR IS PROBABLY NOT THE BEST ENVIRONMENT FOR THROWING BOOMERANGS.

NO WORRIES, MATE.

ME AM NO DEFEATED EASILY SO!

YOU'D BE SURPRISED WHAT I CAN DO WITH THESE THINGS.

Ka-BOOM!

Ka-BOOM!

Ka-BOOM!

I'M JUST FINE AND DANDY.

THAT... THAT'S PRETTY COOL, MAN.

FEEL WRATH OF MYSELF! OCTOBOSS WILL STOP ALL LIVES!

ME AM HATE!

KRAK!

MAN, I HAD A BIT OF TROUBLE LEARNING THE LANGUAGES OF THIS PLANET-- BUT YOU SHOULD REALLY TRY HARDER!

HOW'S YOUR TIMING? DESPITE THIS GUY'S INCOMPREHENSIBLE BOASTING--I THINK WE'VE GOT HIM ON THE ROPES.

WRAKK!!

OH, DUDE, ARE YOU THINKING OF SOME KIND OF SIMULTANEOUS PUNCH THING?

YES, ACTUALLY.

RAD!

KRAK!

ME AM NOT--

KHOOM!!

ME AND BRIT ARE TOTALLY DEFEATING A DUDE TOGETHER!!

ICING ON THE CAKE, MATE!

KABOOM!

THIS GUY'S NOT GETTING UP.

GOOD. LET'S ROUND ALL THE BAD GUYS UP, CECIL SHOULD BE SENDING A TRANSPORT TO--

LETHAN, WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU *DOING?*

OVERKILL, KABOOMERANG.

THESE LITTLE GUYS ARE JUST GIVING UP.

YOU HAVE ***SHAMED*** ME IN FRONT OF MY OWN KINGDOM, BRIT. YOU HAVE PROVEN ME INCAPABLE OF DEFENDING MY HOME OR MY PEOPLE. BY YOUR STRENGTH AND COURAGE, YOU HAVE WARDED OFF THE GREATEST THREAT ATLANTIS HAS EVER KNOWN.

AND BY THE LAW OF MY UNDERWATER PEOPLE, THAT MEANS--

--THE SIX OF YOU, THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE, ARE THE ***NEW KINGS OF ATLANTIS!***

YOU SIX WILL SHARE THE THRONE THAT RULES ALL OF THE EARTH'S OCEANS, BUT, EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY...

...AND MORE PERSONALLY DEVASTATING TO ME...

...YOU WILL ALL SHARE THE BED OF MY FORMER QUEEN, AQUARIA.

THIS IS ***NOT*** GOOD.

NOT GOOD AT ALL.

TAMPICO, MEXICO.

HARLEY

Hugo's

EL FACOPE

HEY! HOT N THE SASA

Conrad

ANOTHER.*

TYSON TEQUILLA

*TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH.

ANOTHER!

WHAT'S THIS?

IT'S YOUR WIFE, SIR.

SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

YOU MEAN EX-WIFE. YOU TELL THAT WOMAN TO DIE.

AND THEN BRING ME ANOTHER BOTTLE.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, HOMBRE?

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH DRESSING UP LIKE EL CHUPACABRA?!

THAT'S DANGEROUS. DON'T LIKE YOU MAKING THE MAN LOOK BAD.

I AM DRESSED LIKE THIS, MY FRIENDS...

...BECAUSE I AM EL CHUPACABRA.

NOW PLEASE...

...LEAVE ME BE.

I AM GOING THROUGH A BAD PERIOD IN MY LIFE.

VERY SORRY, SIR. WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY.

SORRY TO BOTHER--

FRANCISCO, MY OLD FRIEND.

I HEARD ABOUT WHAT MARIA HAS PUT YOU THROUGH... I'M SO VERY SORRY.

I COULD USE YOUR HELP. PLEASE, LET ME TAKE YOU AWAY FROM ALL THIS.

SKRRASSSH!

FOOLISH! AM NOT OCTOBOSS YET BEATED!

YOU! *YOU* AM FISHY BOSS! GIVE AT ME THE TELETRANSPORT MACHINE FOR KEEPS, BUDDY!

WHAT? THIS CEREMONY WAS TO TRANSFER-- NO! I--I'M NOT--

NO! I'M NOT THE AQUARUS ANYMORE! *THEY* ARE! I'M NOT--

GRRARGH!

UNGH!

SOK!

WHA--?

I--I AM THE FISHY BOSS! I AM AQUARUS! KING OF ATLANTIS, DESTROYER OF OCTOBOSS!

BOO-YAH!

THERE'S THE MAN I MARRIED! THERE'S THE TRUE MONARCH OF ATLANTIS! HAIL THE CONQUERING HERO!

OCTOBOS AM BEATED... AT LAST!

UNHHHH...

LONG LIVE THE KING! LONG LIVE AQUARUS! LONG LIVE ATLANTIS!

OKAY, WELL... LOOKS LIKE WE WEREN'T REALLY NEEDED HERE AFTER ALL THEN.

GRR! ME AM OCTOBOSS! FARTS OF ME SMELL FROM SARDINES! GRR!

KNOCK IT OFF, MARTIAN. THAT'S *MORE* THAN ENOUGH.

ATLANTIS

GUARDIANS LOG

YOU GOT IT, BOSS! PRETTY GOOD IMPRESSION, THOUGH, RIGHT?

GOOD ENOUGH TO FOOL THE PEOPLE OF ATLANTIS, GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.

HEY, CECIL. THINGS ARE TAKEN CARE OF. THE **REAL** OCTOBOSS IS PROBABLY HALF-WAY TO YOU ALREADY. WE WERE ABLE TO TURN HIM OVER TO YOUR MEN WHILE WE WERE LEFT ALONE TO PREPARE FOR OUR INDUCTION CEREMONY.

AND WE EVEN DID IT WITHOUT UPSETTING THE DELICATE BALANCE OF ATLANTEAN POLITICAL POWER. FOR MORE THAN ABOUT FIVE MINUTES, I MEAN.

HURRY BACK, BOYS.

I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF NEW ADDITIONS TO THE TEAM WHO ARE JUST *DYING* TO MEET YOU.

WHERE...?

WHAT OF--?

USA

KRAAM

WHO AM YOU?!

OCTOBOSS DEMAND RELEASE!

RELAX, PAL--I'M ON YOUR SIDE.

WE'RE GOING TO BE LANDING SOON. DO TRY NOT TO TEAR THE SHIP APART BEFORE THEN.

THERE AM MANY OF YOU?

HOW?

NAME'S MULTI-PAUL.

DOUBLES ARE MY THING.

WHAT YOU WANT WITH I?

YOU'LL SEE.

OCTOBOSS, WELCOME...

YOU DO NOT BELONG IN THIS WORLD AND IT IS ***THEY*** WHO RESTRICT YOUR ACTIONS, LIMIT YOUR PROGRESS. I SEE IN YOU GREAT AMBITION.

AMBITION WE CAN NURTURE AND ALLOW TO THRIVE. YOU WILL BE INDUCTED INTO ***THE ORDER.***

THIS WORLD IS NOT YOUR OWN AND THE CITIZEN ***FEARS*** YOU BECAUSE OF THAT.

I BELIEVE YOU WILL MAKE AN EXCELLENT ADDITION TO OUR ORGANIZATION.

GUARDING THE GLOBE

WRITE US AT: INVINCIBLE@FUNKOTRON.COM

Welcome to the first (of many) Guarding the Globe letters column!

Editor Sina Grace here, excited to share a book that every day continues to surprise me in how talented the dudes attached are. The response for this series has been enthusiastic, and sales have been strong. If support continues like this, we can definitely expect to see more from mssrs. Cereno and Getty.

Dear Kirkman and Cereno,

Guarding the Globe...Awesome. I didn't really know any of the characters prior to this since I'm brand new to Invincible but I really liked it. Robbie was the coolest. His power was confusing to me though, I thought he had a Mr. Fantastic type of power, to stretch. In that one panel though, where Carla and Bulletproof are going to Samson's estate, Robbie rings the doorbell with his arm that comes out of his stomach. So what is the extent of his power? Also is that how he really looks? Or is he using some power to look human? Brit was really cool too, got no question there, just a cool character. I wanted to make sure I got a copy of this because Benito is co-writing and well, it ties in with the Viltrumite War. Any chance that someday Guarding the Globe will be on-going with Benito Cereno as writer?

John Lacorazza

Did Benito pay you to write this letter? Just kidding, he's a talented man.

My two cents on Robbie: think less Marvel, and more DC. Think less human and more Martian... Manhunter.

As far as continuing this book after this mini-series, I know everyone involved is having a good time and it's actually selling really well, so things are looking really good for another mini-series following this one.

NICE WORK! been reading Invincible since issue 1 came out oh so long ago, and have now gotten everyone I know who reads comics to pick it up... Even got a little group started where we talk about comics every few weeks... it's awesome... feels like I'm 13 or something, but I'm 29... This issue was a great starting point, and already there seems like so much is going on... and it made me want to go back and reread all of Invincible again, 'cuz some of the characters were familiar, but not enough... so it's time to actually read the hardcovers I buy... can't wait to see where this book heads... and here's hoping to a sequel too!

Hey, comic groups are a great way to meet people, make new friends, or find a date who's as big a geek as you are... IF YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL. I'm teasing. When I was in college, I had a blast going to the comic group at Whatever... Comics in San Francisco.

Kyle

ps... the backup was pretty effin hilarious... love that Rick is in black and white... are those going to continue through this mini?

The backups will continue. The one we have for this issue is pretty hilarious--chortle-worthy to say the least, definitely chuckle-able.

Dear Robert, For the first time? I actually 'Get' Brit!...now that he's completely different, it isn't that difficult. Ransom Getty: What a name! Ever think of doing some kind of Image character called Ransom, and maybe drawn by...Ransom? Could be a crime drama! Andrew Shaw, you ruin every single surprise we have planned for you. 'Nuff said. Ransom was truly excited about that project, too. Phooey.

But on a sour note? Yeti? Really? John Byrne and others have done Yeti characters before--and they didn't work out either! On a positive note, yours at least can talk. And why would you get rid of Robot and Monster Girl? Those are the only characters that've been around long enough for me to care about them! But now that I think about it, they'll probably be back. It's a good thing Brit is learning to fly--I don't know if any of the others can! "Guarding the Globe", huh? Well, at least the lawsuit centering around the name change kept there from being yet another epic 'Guardians' series. Where was Atom Eve in this issue/ series so far? Be sure to address all my questions, queries and hypotheses in detail, even though I didn't number them, won't you? Brit is short for Brittany? Never saw it coming. Tell me that Brit isn't based on Tom Strong...? Incidentally, wouldn't you just love to see Moore or Hogan or Somebody do Tom Strong as an Image series, someday??? Finally, I understand RK is from Backwoods, Kentucky. Do you know Dan "Kentucky" Benningfield personally? I'm not him btw, and vice versa. I would've thought the good easy alternative to doing another 'sasquatch' or 'yeti' would be--Bigfoot! Who really should be called Bigfeet, when you think about it. Liked the issue. Brit and Cecil on the plane? Classic repartee. Sincerely, Andrew Shaw

Robert, I'll do my best to address Andrew's plethora of questions/ musings...

Yeti's cool & you know it. Glad you walked through the Robot and Monster Girl portion. What lawsuit? IDK we were being suited, and I find our new logo suitable. Atom Eve's got bigger things to worry about than being in this book. Brit's been around longer, if not before Tom Strong... so maybe we should be suing Alan Moore. And Alan Moore + Image = duh awesome, why ask? Robert knows no Dan Benningfield, but knows Natasha Bedingfield. Brit and Cecil FTW.

Thanks for taking that bullet for me, Sina. -Robert

Hey guys.

I just recently picked up the first two Invincible tpbs, and they made me an immediate fan of your universe, so when I saw Guarding the Globe in my local comic shop I had to get it.

I love team books and the idea of a global team made up of heroes from different countries sounded too good to miss!

Feels a little like the It's a Small World ride at Disneyland, right?

Is there any chance they could recruit an English member? I've given up trying to get a regular British character in other team books, they seem to either die, get forgotten about or get turned into Asian ninjas! Anybody will do, they don't have to have a flag on their chest, just a normal bloke with abnormal abilities and preferably not a knight or a butler, cheers.

Your wish is my command! We're putting Charlie Adlard in the Guardians of the Globe.

Anyway back to the book, I love the fact that Brit has a wife and kid at home, will we see more of Immortal and Dupli-Kate?

There's no room for matrimonial bliss with the pending arrival of Wolf-Man!

Yeti is my favourite character so far, the first shot of him battling ice monsters in issue #1 was great! Which brings me to the art, nice work getting Mr. Getty, hang on to him, and the rest of the team for that matter! well I've rambled on long enough,

Thanks for a brilliant new book, I can't wait for issue #2

Paul

At least someone in this letters column likes Yeti. I think he's a blast! We all love Handsome Getty.

Well, it's a first issue! With that comes a certain expectation on the part of the reader; namely, that there will be a name chosen for the letters column. May I suggest: "The Letters Column for Guarding the Globe". Or, perhaps:

Global Correspondance
Mailing the Globe
Team Players

I'll just move past this now. I actually have a question for Mr.s Kirkman & Cereno. Whenever comic book writers share duties on a book, they tend to join forces in their own unique way. How do you two share the load? Does an issue start as a Kirkman plot and become a Cereno script? Do you both script individual plot threads for the same issue? Or does Benito simply get an order from Robert ("This issue, the team get in a fight with an enemy and stuff. It's going to be totally awesome.", or "How about Adam Sandler...talks to dolphins...and stuff?") and turn it into words on a page? That last one is a joke (right?). Simply put: what's your method?

From the desk of Benito Cereno:

Well, each issue has been somewhat different, and I'm sure the way we write issue 6 will be completely different from issue 1, but the basic idea is this: Robert and I discuss the plot for the given issue, including all the specific beats that need to be hit, and then divide that issue up into different scenes. Then we decide who will write which scene (this varies as well; for example, Robert scripted most of issue 1, and I scripted most of issue 2). After I turn in pages, Robert goes over what I've done and makes any changes he thinks are necessary to give it that familiar Kirkman sheen. And that's more or less it.

Besides the fact that the book was what I expected -- basically exactly like all the Guardians of the Globe stuff in Invincible combined with Brit (aka awesome) -- I was also wondering what this book would be like to a reader unfamiliar with Invincible. There's a lot of continuity, both in Invicible and Brit, and I can see you wanting new readers of this book to seek out those other ones. At the same time, a new reader could easily be confused by all the casual references to concepts and events stemming directly from other comics. I guess what I'm wondering is if you are planning on putting a synopsis or character guide inside the cover (or anything like that). I only have your wallets in mind, good sirs.

That's it for me. Keep up the quality and pace over there at Skybound, and I'll keep shelling out my bucks.

Cheers
Brendan Flaherty
Saskatoon, CANADA

Thank you so much for having quite literally our best interest at heart (MONEY). The character guide isn't a bad idea, but Robert and Benito do a pretty good job of writing situations that show who these characters are, without telling you in a fact sheet method. What would be nice to see are some Guardians of the Globe trading cards, with fake stats on the back. Dexterity 7+!

That's it for this month! Keep on writing, we'll keep on quipping, and Ransom Getty will keep on drawing. Issue three should be out in no time, and judging by the cover, we'll get to see the return of a pretty cool character (who, because of the lateness of his book, won't be that dearly missed at the time of Guarding the Globe # 3's arrival).

And! If you're coming to Long Beach Comic-Con, you should definitely stop by our booth. I will be there, and we'll have buckets of merch available for your consumption. Check skyboundent.com for more details.
-Sina Grace

Hey! I barely had to do anything in this letters column, sweet!

-Robert Kirkman

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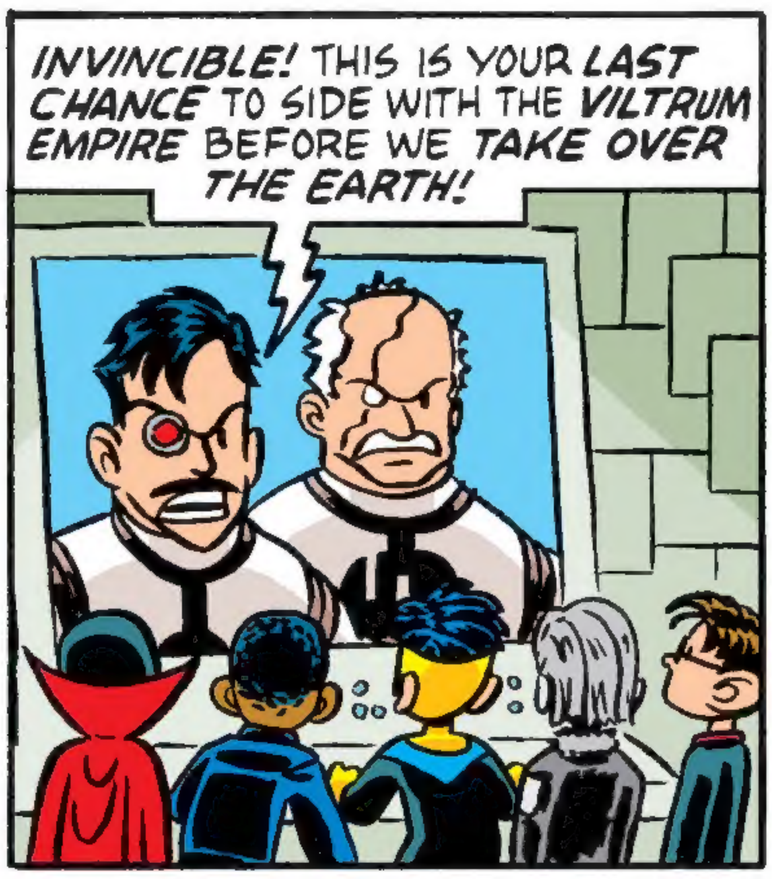
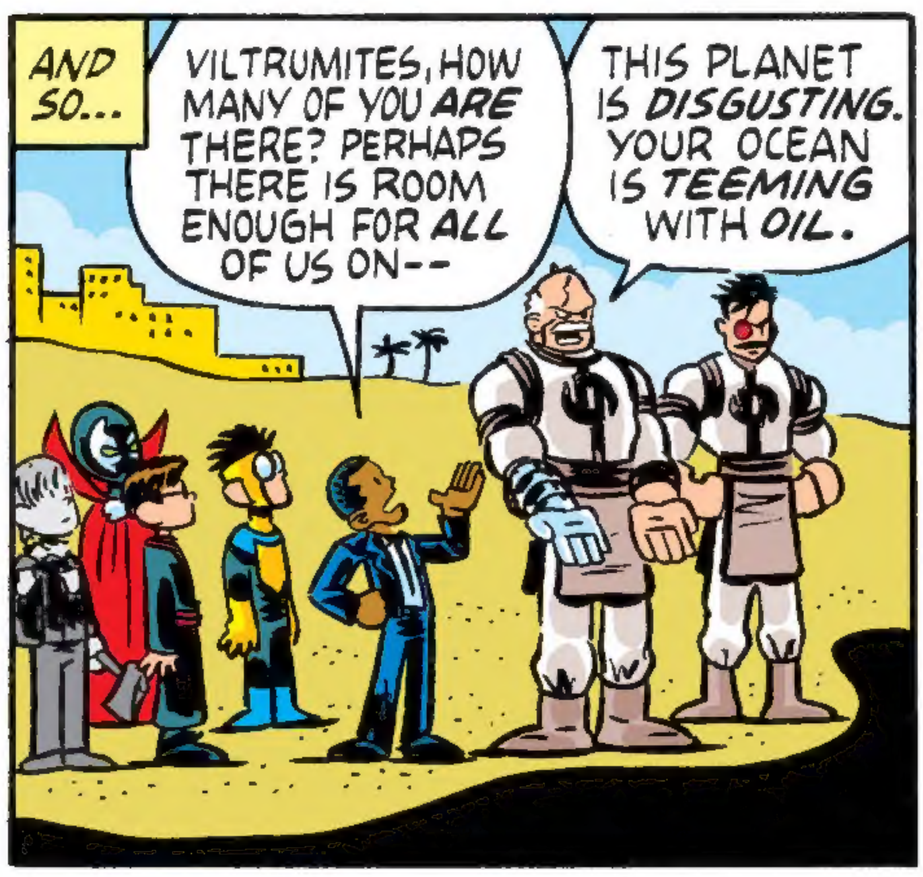


NEVER! THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE AND I WILL FIGHT YOU UNTIL OUR DYING BREATH!
LET'S NOT BE SO HASTY, INVINCIBLE. IF THE VILTRUMITES ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH YOU, MAYBE WE SHOULD DISCUSS OUR OPTIONS.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VILTRUMITES, HOW MANY OF YOU ARE THERE? PERHAPS THERE IS ROOM ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US ON--
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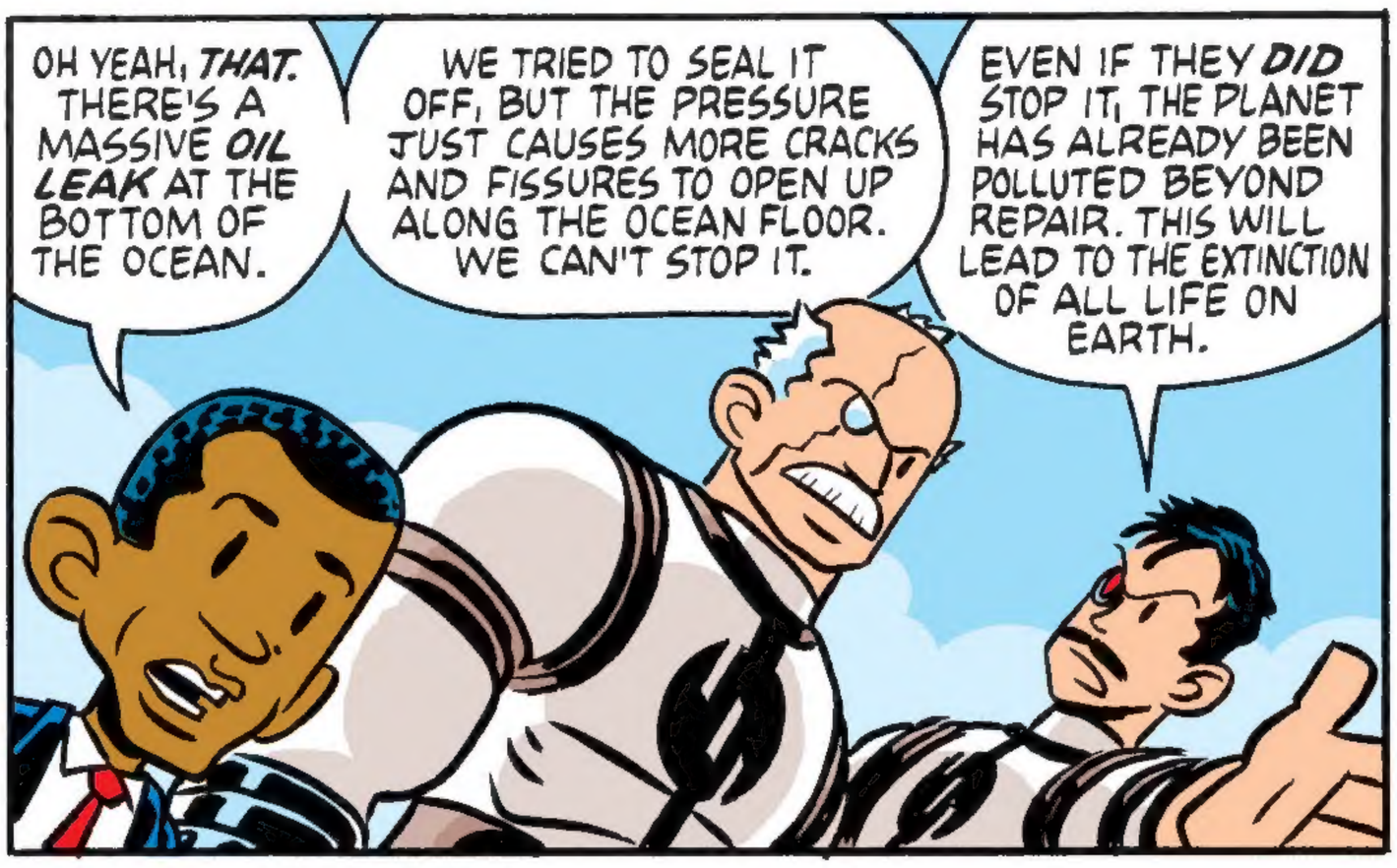
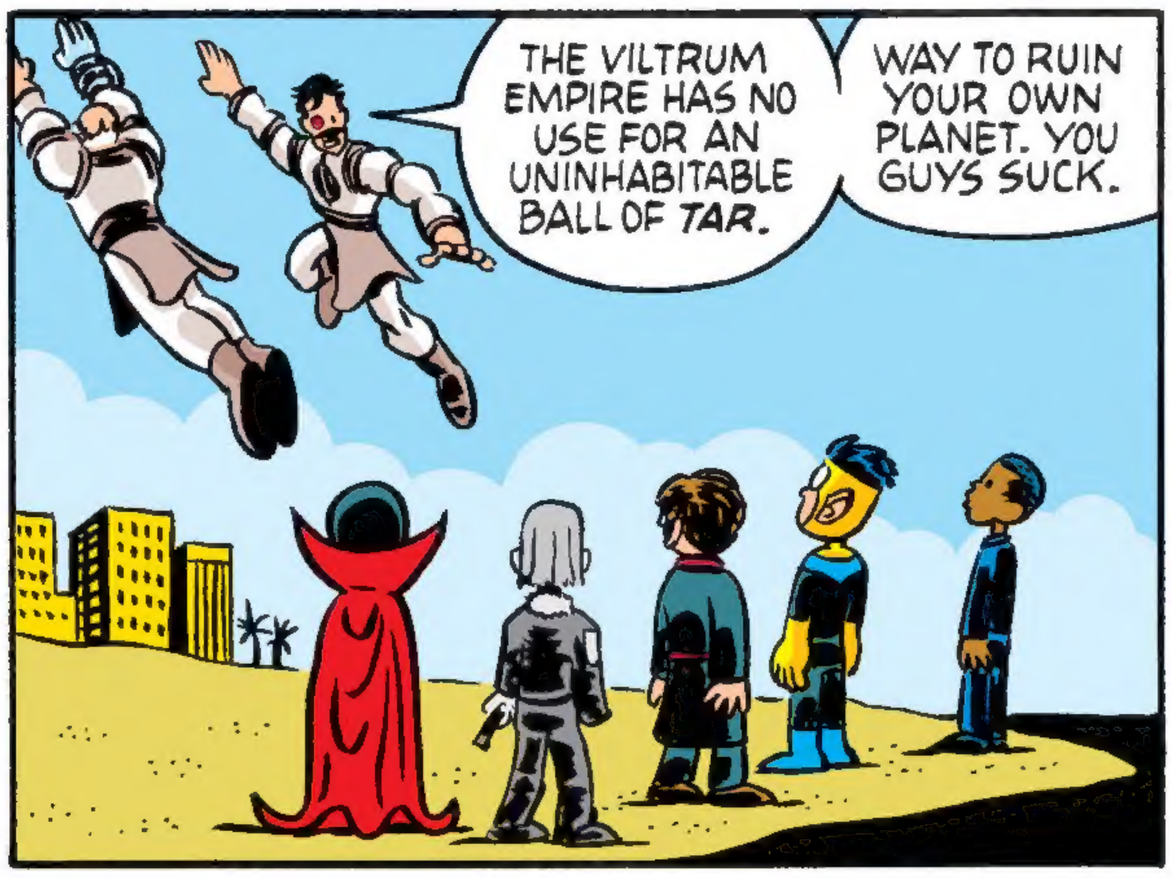
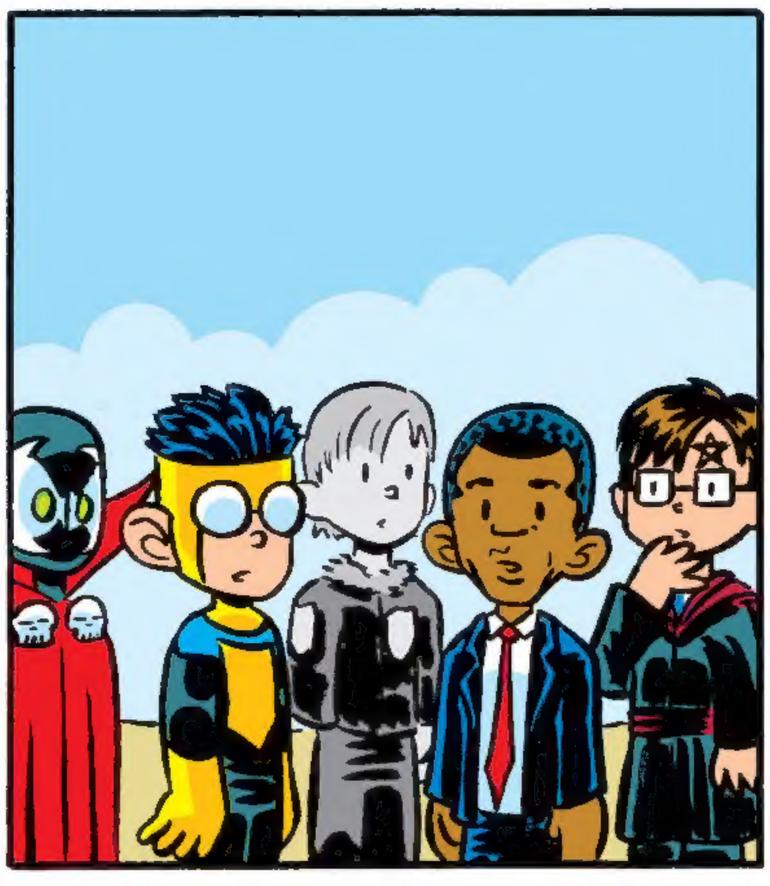
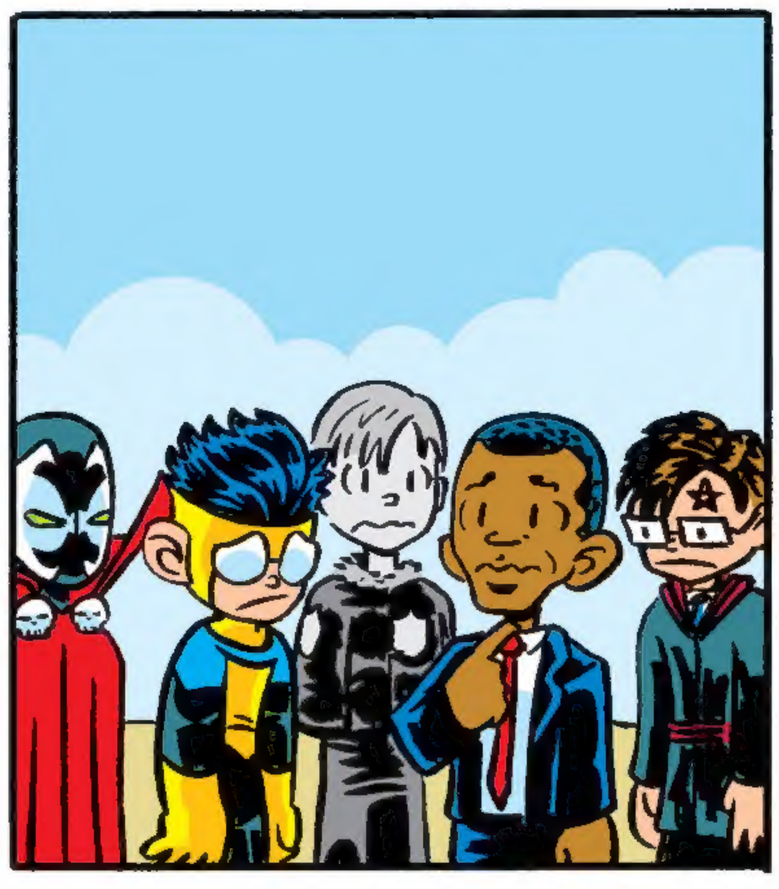

OH YEAH, THAT. THERE'S A MASSIVE OIL LEAK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN.
WE TRIED TO SEAL IT OFF, BUT THE PRESSURE JUST CAUSES MORE CRACKS AND FISSURES TO OPEN UP ALONG THE OCEAN FLOOR. WE CAN'T STOP IT.
EVEN IF THEY DID STOP IT, THE PLANET HAS ALREADY BEEN POLLUTED BEYOND REPAIR. THIS WILL LEAD TO THE EXTINCTION OF ALL LIFE ON EARTH.



WOW! WE NEVER WOULD HAVE BEATEN THE VILTRUMITES IN A REAL FIGHT, BUT YOU STILL STOPPED THEM! THANKS, BARACK OBAMA! YOU SAVED US!
DON'T THANK ME, THANK THE UNCONTAINABLE, POISONOUS OIL LEAK IN THE OCEAN FLOOR!





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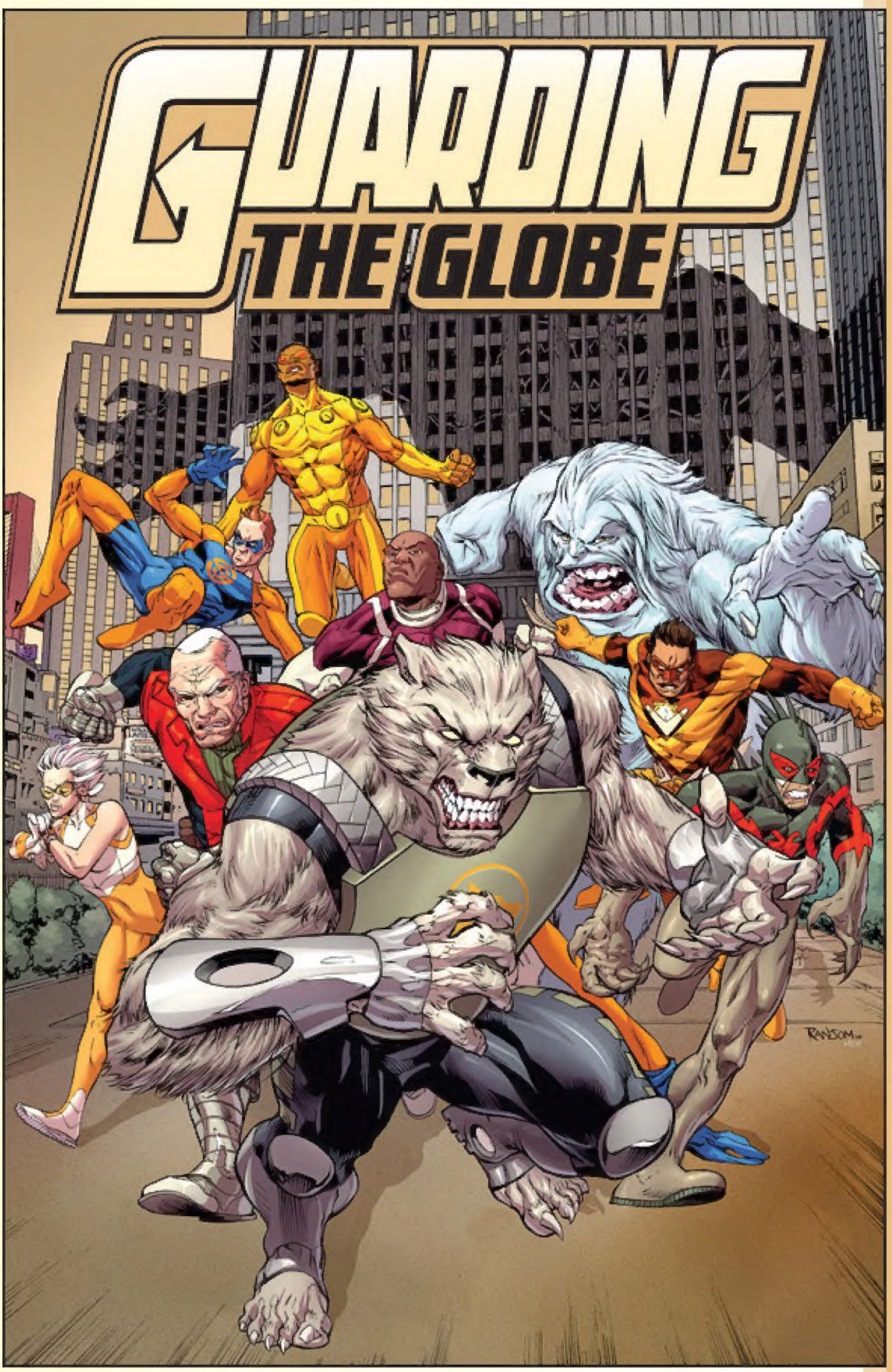

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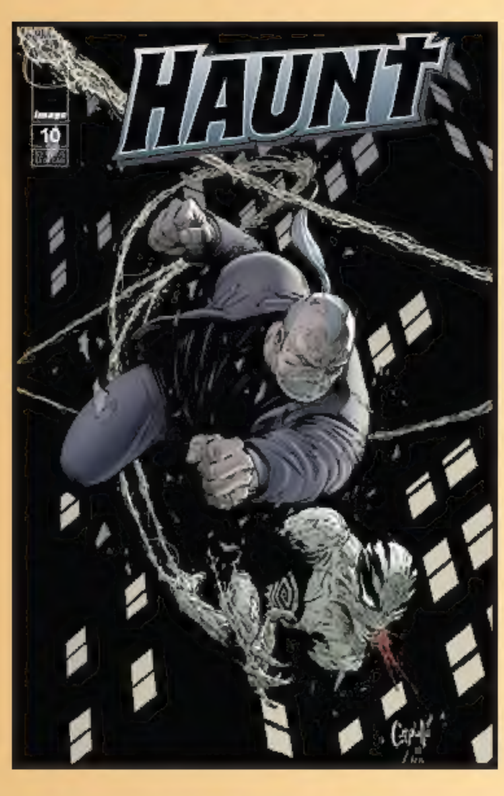

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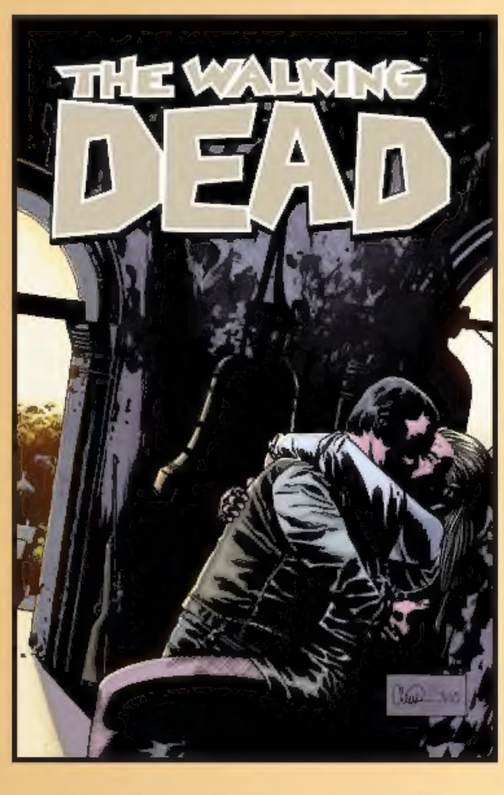

THE WALKING DEAD #78
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